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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 6559

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, MX

SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN PRESS REACTION TO "EXCELSIOR" CASE

REF: MEXICO 8849

1. THE MAJOR BRAZILIAN NEWSPAPERS GAVE GOOD COVERAGE TO EXCELSIOR STORY. PRESTIGIOUS O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, BRAZIL'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD, GAVE THE MOST EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AND INCLUDED AN ARTICLE BY OCTAVIO PAZ THAT DENOUNCED THE GOM'S INTERVENTION IN THE OPERATIONS OF EXCELSIOR. JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO DE JANEIRO) ALSO CARRIED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AND, IN AN EDITORIAL CRITICIZING THE UNESCO CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATIONS IN COSTA RICA, CITES THE "EXCELSIOR" CASE AND REFERS TO IT AS A "STRANGULATION" OF THE PRESS.

2. A FEW BRAZILIAN NEWSPAPERY WCE SUBJECT TO PRIOR CENSORSHIP BUT MAJORITY OBSERVES SELF-CENSORSHIP. BRAZILPEN PRESS IS RELATIVELY FRWE TO COMMENT ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND VEGULARLY CRITICIZES INFRINGEMENT OF PRESS FREEDOM ABROAD, NOT ONLY FOR  
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ITS OWN SAKE BUT ALSO AS CRITICISM BY INARENCE OF

GOB. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO IS PROBABLY MOST VOCAL  
BRAZESLIAN NEWSPAPER ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. ITS  
PUBLISHER, JULIO DE MESQUITA NETO, WAS PRESIDENT  
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION LAST YEAR.

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